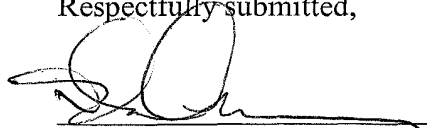


REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 is canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The electric discharge machining apparatus using linear motor drive according to [claims 2 or 3] claim 2, wherein a dust cover is provided around the driving device configured by the linear motor.

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